



LJ v. Massinga Reporting: Measure 58

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58	90 percent of all foster homes were approved and reapproved on a timely basis.

Source/Criteria

1. According to the LJ Modified Consent Decree (MCD), 10/9/09, p. 22,
“Each child’s placement shall meet all safety, health, sanitation, licensing and other legal requirements for that placement. Each placement provider shall receive all training required by law.
 - a. Definitions:
 - (1) “Legal requirements” include statutes, regulations, circular letters and transmittals, SOPs issued by BCDSS, or the equivalent policy statements.
 - (2) BCDSS shall develop and implement a plan to ensure the input of children and caseworkers in the reassessment, recertification and relicensing of any placement.”
2. For the purpose of this Measure:
 - a. The terms “reconsideration,” and “recertification” have the same meaning; and
 - b. The terms “foster home” and “resource home” have the same meaning.
3. COMAR .07.02.25.15 Resource Home Study Process
 - F. Recommendation of Resource Home for Approval
 - (1) A local department shall notify a prospective resource parent in writing, and within 120 days of the date on which the local department accepts the application provided for in Section E(2) of this regulation of the decision of approval or denial.
4. COMAR .07.02.25.15 Annual Reconsideration.
 - A. A local department shall:
 - (1) Conduct an annual reconsideration of each resource home which includes at least one home visit, to determine continuing compliance with the resource home regulations;
 - (2) Complete the review and decide whether to reapprove the resource home before the anniversary of the date of approval.
 - (3) Complete a review whenever there are major changes in the lives of the resource parents that could affect their ability to care for foster children, and that may include: (a) Illness or death of a member of the resource family; (b) marital problems; (c) Change in employment status of the resource parents; (d) Move to a new residence; (e) Suspected abuse or neglect in the home, or both, or (f) Change in marital status of resource parents such as separation, divorce or remarriage.

Key Data

